

In addition to his life-long commitment to promoting and protecting civil rights through writings and advocacy, Dr. Harding served as a beloved professor to thousands of students at universities around the country, including spending over three decades with the Iliff School of Theology in Denver, CO. It was there that he founded the Veterans of Hope Project to document the stories of other social justice leaders around the world and inspire future generations of committed activists.

In commemoration, we recognize the great work and sacrifices of Dr. Harding and the many Americans who stand up for what is right every day—even when doing so brings its share of risks and challenges. Appropriately, this coming July we will proudly celebrate the 50th anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964—a victory for all Americans and one that would not have been possible without the resolve of Dr. Harding, Dr. King and other advocates who devoted their lives to ending discrimination. While we continue our fight against persistent oppression in America, we can look to the legacy of Dr. Harding for inspiration and acknowledge the strength and struggles of all those involved in the civil rights movement.

On behalf of a grateful nation and State, I take this time to express my deepest gratitude for Dr. Harding's contributions and my heartfelt condolences to all those who were touched by his life.●

MESSAGES FROM THE PRESIDENT

Messages from the President of the United States were communicated to the Senate by Mr. Pate, one of his secretaries.

EXECUTIVE MESSAGES REFERRED

As in executive session the Presiding Officer laid before the Senate messages from the President of the United States submitting sundry nominations and a withdrawal which were referred to the appropriate committees.

(The messages received today are printed at the end of the Senate proceedings.)

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

S. 2450. A bill to improve the access of veterans to medical services from the Department of Veterans Affairs, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-6022. A communication from the Congressional Review Coordinator, Animal and

Plant Health Inspection Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Importation of Female Squash Flowers From Israel Into the Continental United States" (RIN0579-AD72) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6023. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Spiroclufen; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9910-52) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6024. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Imazapic; Pesticide Tolerances; Technical Correction" (FRL No. 9911-17) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6025. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Flutriaful; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL No. 9910-38) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6026. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Sodium bisulfate; Exemption from the Requirement of a Tolerance" (FRL No. 9910-50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-6027. A communication from the Under Secretary of Defense (Acquisition, Technology and Logistics), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report entitled "Report to Congress on Department of Defense Fiscal Year 2013 Purchases from Foreign Entities"; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6028. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting the report of fourteen (14) officers authorized to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6029. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Logistics and Materiel Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, the Department of Defense Biennial Core Report to Congress; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-6030. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; Connecticut; Reasonably Available Control Technology Update to Address Control Techniques Guidelines Issued in 2006, 2007, and 2008" (FRL No. 9904-73-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6031. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation Implementation Plans; Kentucky; Approval of Revisions to the Jefferson County Portion of the Kentucky SIP; Emissions During

Startups, Shutdowns, and Malfunctions" (FRL No. 9911-96-Region 4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6032. A communication from the Director of the Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Approval and Promulgation of Air Quality Implementation Plans; New Hampshire; Decommissioning of Stage II Vapor Recovery Systems" (FRL No. 9909-99-Region 1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 4, 2014; to the Committee on Environment and Public Works.

EC-6033. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-047); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6034. A communication from the Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act (DDTC 14-013); to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

EC-6035. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Administrative Detention of Drugs Intended for Human or Animal Use" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0365) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6036. A communication from the Director of Regulations Policy and Management Staff, Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health and Human Services, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Microbiology Devices; Reclassification of Nucleic Acid-Based Systems for Mycobacterium tuberculosis Complex in Respiratory Specimens" (Docket No. FDA-2013-N-0544) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2014; to the Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions.

EC-6037. A communication from the Chairman, Dwight D. Eisenhower Memorial Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the memorial construction; to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

EC-6038. A communication from the Director of the Regulation Policy and Management Office of the General Counsel, Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Burial Benefits" (RIN2900-AO82) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on June 5, 2014; to the Committee on Veterans' Affairs.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS

The following petitions and memorials were laid before the Senate and were referred or ordered to lie on the table as indicated:

POM-245. A resolution adopted by the Legislature of Rockland County, New York, urging Congress to fund mesothelioma research at the highest levels in the Fiscal Year 2015 Appropriations Bill by including \$5.26 billion for the National Cancer Institute and \$25 million for the Peer Reviewed Research Program as part of the Congressionally Mandated Research Program; to the Committee on Appropriations.

POM-246. A resolution adopted by the House of Representatives of the State of